Preliminary estimates amounting to Rs. 4.96 crores have been received from the CPWD.

Investment in water management by France

2816. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the French Government has shown its keen interest to invest in water management;

(b) if so, whether any agreement in this regard has been reached with the French Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) what are the projects that will be undertaken with the help of France; and

(e) what is the total investments made by France in these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The French Government has shown interest to provide assistance to some projects and for cooperation with Indian Academic and Scientific Institutions through counterpart agencies in water sector. The French Government is providing grant for undertaking feasibility studies and loan assistance for implementing projects on Urban Water Supply and Sanitation including solid waste management under the Indo-French Financial Protocol. A list of such ongoing projects showing proposed assistance is given in the Statement (*See* below). However, no project of Ministry of Water Resources is under implementation with French assistance.

An Indo-French Unit for Water and Waste Technologies has also been established at Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi on 27.2.2002 for which an Agreement was reached with French side on 9.3.2000. An amount of Euro 82,232 has so far been received under this Agreement.

Under the framework of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and Institute of Research and Development (IRD), Paris, a Joint Laboratory namely

"Indo-French Cell for Water Sciences" has been established and two joint projects has been taken up. The total investment made by France through IFD is Rs. one crore over a period of three years.

Another MoU between National Geo-Physical Research Institute, Hyderabad and French Government for setting up the Indo-French Centre for groundwater research has also been signed on 20th November, 1999.

(d) and (e) The details of Water Sector Projects which have been posed to the French side for assistance through the Department of Economic Affairs by Ministry of Water Resources along with the proposed assistance are given in Statement II.

Statement-I

List of ongoing projects showing proposed assistance

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Proposed Amount of Assistance (in Million Donor Currency)	Status
1.	Improvement of Water Supply and Sewerage System of Bangalore City	FF 47.94	On-going
2.	Sewage Treatment Plant at Rithala, Delhi	FF 46.59	On-going
3.	Imphal SewerageProject, Phase-I (Zone-I) Manipur	Euro 8.73	On-going
4.	Improvement of Water Supply Distribution Management in Kolkata	FF36.00	On-going

Statement-II

Details of water sector project posed to the French side alongwith proposed assistance

Sl.No.	Name of Project	Proposed Amount of Assistance (in Million Donor Currency)	Status
1.	Jayakwadi Irrigation Project	FF 28.00	The project has been evaluated by French side in 2001 and the outcome was positive.
2.	Ground water Exploration in Coastal Areas—Tamil Nadu and Orissa	FF 54.00	The project has been evaluated by the French side.
3.	Optimization of Irrigation Schemes—Fusegate System in Maharashtra	Euro 7.25	Posed to French side for conisderation on 10.4.2002 by DEA.